Release of Funds for Drinking Water in Andhra Pradesh

*357. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Water Commission proposes to release funds under the Rural Water Supply Scheme for digging borewells for supply of drinking water to villages;

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be released for Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) by when it would be actually released ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) *Do not arise.*

Appointment of Nominee Directors on the Boards of Nationalised Banks

*358. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plans to appoint nominee Directors on the Boards of Nationalised Banks ;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been set for such appointments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) Appointment of Director on the Boards of the Nationalised Banks is made in accordance with the provisions contained in the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 and 1980 and the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme, 1970 & 1980.

(b) and (c) Action has been initiated to fill up the existing vacancies of Directors on the Boards of the Nationalised Banks.

Dispute Between MTNL and Income Tax Department

*359. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any dispute exists between the State owned Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. and the Income Tax Department over the income-tax claims raised by it against MTNL, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 29th March, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;